

192nd Wing Airmen return from deployment

U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 1st Fighter Wing and the 192nd Wing returned to Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, from a deployment to the Middle East on Oct. 9, 2018. Active duty and Virginia Air National Guard Airmen were deployed six months as part of the 94th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron. Their efforts enabled USAF F-22 Raptors to deliver air superiority during combat operations, supporting Operation Inherent Resolve and the fight against enemy forces in Iraq and Syria.

"It's great to have our 192nd Airmen return from a highly successful deployment to the Central Command region after fighting the war on ISIS," said Col. Frank J. Lobash, commander of the 192nd Fighter Wing. "This group of Airmen brought forward the most experienced and talented F-22 maintainers and pilots in the world explaining the successful results. Alongside our 1st Fighter Wing partners and all our 192nd support Airmen at home, once again the Virginia Air National Guard showed the world what we bring to the fight. As a shining light for all to see, our successes should guide the greater Air Force to do the same as we face very complex and multi-domain threats going forward."

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2018/10/22/12178/>



Brig. Gen. Marshall L. Kjelvik welcomes back Airmen assigned to the 94th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron during their homecoming to Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, Oct. 9, 2018.

Virginia National Guard News Headlines

AG shares readiness message focused on end strength goals

Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis and the Army and Air Force chiefs have made it very plain that readiness and lethality must be our top priorities. Meeting and exceeding our end strength goals is the most critical cornerstone of achieving the Secretary's vision of readiness and lethality.

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2018/10/24/12139/>

Rose promoted to brigadier general, will serve as NGB director of logistics

Col. Michelle Rose was promoted to brigadier general Oct. 16, 2018, in Alexandria, Virginia, and will serve as the National Guard Bureau Director of Logistics and Engineering in a traditional Guard status.

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2018/10/18/12163/>

529th CSSB Employer Appreciation Program engages with employers

The command team of Virginia Beach-based 529th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion visited with Hampton Police Chief to thank him for his support of the during a meeting Oct. 18, 2018, in Hampton, Virginia.

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2018/10/30/12167/>

Fort Pickett Fire & Rescue hosts incident management course

Fort Pickett Fire & Rescue hosted instruction on the National Incident Management System Training Program Incident Command System Level 300 Course Oct. 3, 10 and 11, 2018, at Fort Pickett, Virginia.

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91st Cyber Brigade hosts ESGR Boss Lift

The Virginia Army National Guard's Bowling Green-based 91st Cyber Brigade hosted more than a dozen civilian employers and provided not only a first-hand look at what their employees do in their military careers but also an opportunity to learn about the mission of the Army National Guard's first cyber brigade during an Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve Boss Lift Oct. 19, 2018, at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

"Employers share a critical partnership as they rely on the talents of our Soldiers who learn key skills working in government and business," said Col. Adam C. Volant, commander of the 91st Cyber Brigade. "This is a unique relationship in that both sides benefit from new competency built in one side and shared with the complimentary role presented by Citizen Soldiers."

Aviation crews from the Sandston-based 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, 29th Infantry Division transported the employers via UH-60 Black Hawks to Fort A.P. Hill where they met with Soldiers, fired on the 9mm range, toured military vehicles used by the Fredericksburg-based 229th Brigade Engineering Battalion, and received briefings from Maj. Gen. Timothy P. Williams, the Adjutant General of Virginia, Volant and ESGR representatives.

"The purpose of the Boss Lift Program is to show employers what the military does, and by doing so, make them stronger advocates for ESGR," said Monica G. Hazelwood-Frisby, Virginia National Guard employer support specialist. "These bosses were nominated by their employees, who are also Guard and Reserve members, so that their bosses can see first-hand some things their employees do."

"Cyber is a truly unique space where highly sought talents are needed," Volant said. "We are fortunate to have an extremely high retention rate and the appreciation of employers and associates alike."

The 91st Cyber Brigade was activated as the Army National Guard's first cyber brigade Sept. 17, 2017, and it provides training and readiness oversight for cyber units across 31 states and deploys personnel to meet the demands of growing cyber mission sets throughout the U.S. Army and Department of Defense.

As part of the activation, the 91st Cyber Brigade was reflagged from the 91st Troop Command, and the Fairfax-based 123rd Data Processing Unit was divided into the 123rd and 124th Cyber Protection Battalions. The brigade also serves as the higher headquarters for 125th and 126th Cyber Battalions stationed in Columbia, South Carolina, and Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Massachusetts, as well as an additional battalion that has not been stationed. The 11 previously approved Army Cyber Protection Teams stationed across the country will also align under the 91st Cyber Brigade for training and validation management.

ESGR, a Department of Defense program, was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between reserve component service members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. ESGR is supported by a network of more



Civilian business leaders learn about some of the capabilities of the Virginia Army National Guard during an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Boss Lift, hosted by the Bowling Green-based 91st Cyber Brigade Oct. 19, 2018, at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. The event was an opportunity for employers of National Guard Soldiers to see first-hand what their employees do in their military careers and learn about the mission of the Army National Guard's first cyber brigade.

than 3,750 volunteers in 54 committees located across the country. Volunteers, hailing from small business and industry, government, education, and prior military service bring a vast wealth of experience to assist in serving employers, service members, and their families.

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